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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Liaison Division, OCD

From : Non-IAC Branch, C & D

Subject : Liaison - The Treasury Department

Yesterday while conferring with Mr. Matthew J. Marks, Chief, Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Mr. Marks casually mentioned that he was drafting a letter to Mr. Allen Dulles. As the conversation progressed it was learned that he knew Mr. Dulles socially and also that he recently had had some direct dealings with him relevant to a particular "blocking" action which involved the assistance of FI's European Division.

The three-page letter which I was permitted to hurriedly scan was devoted for the most part to commending the CIA for the excellent assistance it has rendered the Treasury Department. More specifically it commended FI's European Division for its consistent cooperation and also LD/OCD for the service we have rendered.

It was obvious, however, that the real purpose of the letter was not to commend us. On the last page several rather pointed criticisms appeared. The most outstanding of these had to do with FI's Far Eastern Division. Mr. Marks felt that this particular division could and should render the Treasury Department greater assistance.

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Other criticisms, although not directed at LD/OCD, at least affect us. One of these had to do with the delay involved in obtaining requested reports. Another and even more fundamental criticism had to do with requirements. Mr. Marks believes that FAC is not getting many reports that would be of value to them.

It seems likely to me that when Mr. Dulles receives that letter that he may be interested in investigating these criticisms. With that possibility existing, I am mentioning the matter to you so that we can be prepared.

I have no reason to believe that Mr. Marks or his staff are dissatisfied with the service I have endeavored to give. In all cases wherein they have asked for particular documents or information I have supplied their needs as expeditiously as our system would allow. They realize this and I believe are appreciative of the assistance given.

I have also repeatedly pointed out to Mr. Jarmen and Mr. Sommerfield that I have reason to believe that the existing Treasury reading requirements in our possession are inadequate. I have suggested, therefore, that new ones, more detailed in nature, be submitted. Last winter

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Mr. Jarmon said that he had undertaken the task of preparing the new requirements and that they would be forthcoming shortly. They have not been received as of this date.

25X1A A few weeks ago Mr. Marks asked that reports pertaining to East-West trade be sent to them. Accordingly I sent a memorandum to [REDACTED] making this request.

25X1A As you know the matter of delay involved in getting reports out of archives and obtaining clearances has been discussed many times before. Not very long ago [REDACTED] investigated the archives problem.

I might mention in conclusion that Mr. Marks is not writing the letter to Mr. Dulles in a spirit of anger. He does feel, however, that the criticisms he offers are justified and hopes that the CIA can be of greater service to them in the future.

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[The following is typed in red on the original of this memorandum:

25X1A Complaints are inevitable from the Non-IAC agencies on distribution of [REDACTED] reports. It always takes us a long time to get them cleared by the originating office when they are needed outside of the intelligence community.

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TO : Assistant Director, CD

FROM : Chief, Liaison Division, CD

SUBJECT: Report of Forthcoming Letter from Chief, Foreign Assets Control,  
Treasury, to DE/CIA

DATE: 15 October 1952

1. The attached report is forwarded for information.

25X1A 2. I have commended [REDACTED] for his alertness and advance reconnaissance report.

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The following is written in red on the original:

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It may be that DE/I will wish to have advance notice  
of this letter which is being drafted for Mr Dulles.

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